

House Study Bill 114 - Introduced

HOUSE FILE _____

BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
STATE GOVERNMENT BILL BY
CHAIRPERSON RIZER)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to allowable precinct consolidations completed
2 by a county commissioner of elections.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 49.11, subsection 3, paragraph d,
2 subparagraph (2), Code 2017, is amended to read as follows:

3 (2) The consolidated precincts, if established as a
4 permanent precinct, would meet all requirements of section
5 49.3, ~~and a combined total of no more than three hundred~~
6 ~~fifty voters voted in the consolidated precincts at the last~~
7 ~~preceding similar election~~ except that a consolidated precinct
8 may exceed a total population of three thousand five hundred if
9 determined by the commissioner to be administratively feasible.
10 The commissioner shall notify the voters of a consolidated
11 precinct pursuant to section 49.23.

12 EXPLANATION

13 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
14 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

15 This bill provides that precincts consolidated by the county
16 commissioner of elections may have populations greater than
17 3,500 if the commissioner determines that such a precinct
18 is administratively feasible. Current law prohibits any
19 precinct from having a total population greater than 3,500.
20 The bill also removes the requirement that the commissioner
21 may consolidate only those precincts in which a combined total
22 of 350 or fewer voters voted in the precinct at the preceding
23 similar election.